Remarks

The Rejection of Claims 1-11 and 29-32 for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-11 and 29-32 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,322. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this response to obviate the rejection.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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